

City of Blue Lake
City Council Regular Meeting
Skinner Store – 111 Greenwood Ave., Blue Lake, CA
February 24, 2015
MINUTES

The Meeting called to order at 7:12 p.m.

Councilmembers Present: Michele McCall-Wallace, Jean Lynch, John Sawatzky, Stephen Kullmann

Councilmembers Absent: Lana Manzanita

Staff Present: Deputy City Clerk April Sousa, City Manager John Berchtold, City Planner Bob Brown

Motion to Approve Agenda

Councilmember Kullmann motioned to approve the agenda with no changes. Councilmember Sawatzky seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Input

None.

Appointment to Vacancy on Parks and Recreation Commission

City Manager Berchtold gave overview. It was noted that a typo exists in the packet material and that the correct expiring date for the term is January 30, 2016. Clarification was made that this appointment was to finish a term that had become vacant. Councilmember Kullmann motioned to appoint Deborah Jacobson to the Parks and Recreation Commission to the term expiring on January 30, 2016. Councilmember Sawatzky seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Power's Creek Grant Updates

Senior City Planner, Bob Brown presented maps to council prior to presentation. City Manager Berchtold gave an overview of the River Parkways and Habitat Conservation Fund grants and ongoing activities. City Planner Brown gave an outline of the facts of the grants in regards to two (2) barriers on Power's Creek and the changes that would occur. Council asked for consistent updates to keep them informed. The public was given an opportunity to comment. Council thanked City Planner Brown for the updates.

Public Comment Regarding E-Cigarette Regulation

Lin Glen, resident, read a letter from former Councilmember Sherman Schapiro, who was no longer available to come to meetings on Tuesdays.

Lin Glen spoke on behalf of herself, in support for a ban on E-Cigarettes in public places, and handed out a health advisory against E-Cigarettes.

Mayor McCall-Wallace stated there will be two (2) more opportunities for the public to weigh in: March 10 and March 24.

Public Safety Commission 2015 Work Plan

Mayor McCall-Wallace, liaison to the Public Safety Commission (PSC), gave an overview of the 2015 Work Plan of the PSC. After discussion, Councilmember Kullmann motioned to approve the 2015 PSC Work Plan. Councilmember Sawatzky seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Consent Agenda

Item 9a., Monthly Financial Report December 2014, was pulled from the Consent Agenda by Councilmember Lynch. Item 9b., Tribal Request for Letter of Support for Transit Funds was pulled by Mayor McCall-Wallace.

Monthly Financial Report December 2014

Clarification on Fund 38 was made. After Discussion, Councilmember Sawatzky motioned to accept December 2014 Monthly Financials. Councilmember Kullmann seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Tribal Request for Letter of Support for Transit Funds

It was noted that this request was for a planning only grant. It was suggest that both the City Manager and the Mayor write letters. After discussion, Councilmember Sawatzky motioned to approve letters of support, allowing the City Manager to choose if he would like write a letter too. Councilmember Kullmann seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Reports of Council and Staff

Councilmember Lynch – none

Councilmember Kullmann – reported on recent Humboldt Waste Management Authority (HWMA) and Water Task Force meetings. Water rights were discussed at the Water Task Force meeting.

Councilmember Sawatzky – reported on recent Redwood Regional Economic Development Commission meeting. Water rights were also discussed at this meeting.

Mayor McCall-Wallace – noted that the Public Safety Commission report was already discussed during item 8. Mayor McCall-Wallace reported on Humboldt County Association of Governments (HCAOG) meeting. It was mentioned that she was contacted about a Mayor Prayer Breakfast on March 5 and 6:15 a.m. Mayor McCall-Wallace cannot attend, and extended the invitation to any other councilmembers who might be interested. It was noted that the League of California Cities meeting is coming soon in Cloverdale.

City Manager Berchtold – gave a levee update. City Manager Berchtold reported on concerns of street light outages as well as an update on the lights at the crossing near Blue Lake School, and steps that have been done, or are being done, to remedy them. City Manager Berchtold also reported on ongoing efforts with regards to the traffic needs of South Railroad Ave.

Adopt Minutes from February 10, 2015

Councilmember Kullmann motioned to adopt the minutes from February 10, 2015 with changes.

Councilmember Sawatzky seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Future Agenda Items

- Business Park in closed session
- Financial Audit

Correspondence

Deputy City Clerk Sousa read an email from Amy Nilson regarding the receipt of Blue Lake's legislative priorities. Councilmember Lynch brought condolence cards for Mandi Kindred, and the Rancheria, for the Council to express their sympathy over their recent loss.

Adjourn Meeting

Councilmember Kullmann motioned to adjourn. Councilmember Sawatzky seconded. Motion carried unanimously, meeting adjourned at 8:57 p.m.

April Sousa, Deputy City Clerk